

A
TRUE AND GENUINE
NARRATIVE
OF
Mr. and Mrs. *Tenducci*.
IN A
LETTER to a Friend at BATH.
GIVING
A full ACCOUNT, from their MARRIAGE in
IRELAND, to the present Time.



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LETTER, &c.

AS my dear friend has been kind enough to express some concern for the many misfortunes I have lately undergone, and to desire an account of my sufferings since my marriage, I shall fully inform her of every particular; and I assure her, that, notwithstanding my being so much interested in this affair, I shall relate the facts just as they happened, and without the smallest exaggeration. You will find, from the following relation, how unbounded the resentment of my F^{ather} has been on the occasion of my marriage with Mr. Tenducci; and, however culpable we may be represented by him, I doubt not but you, and every impartial person, must allow, at least, that the punishment has far exceeded the fault: for, whatever errors we may be supposed to have committed, ^{are} of that kind which generally meets with some indulgence, as they proceed from a common source of human frailty: but his severity has neither been restrained by the ties of parental affection and common humani-

ty, nor even confined within the bounds of legal prosecution; so that when you attend to the particulars of our case, if you cannot entirely justify our conduct, you will however find some circumstances to excuse and alleviate our fault; and I am well persuaded you will find but too many to excite your compassion.

To begin then. The first summer Tenducci came over to this kingdom, he passed a great part of his time at a gentleman's house, a few miles from Dublin, where I frequently visited; most of which was spent in singing along with me, and in improving an early taste which I had discovered for music. He encouraged me to proceed, and cultivate this natural taste, by giving me hopes of excelling; and as our acquaintance increased, he became more and more assiduous to instruct me. As he did this without fee or reward, it prejudiced not only me, but all my family, very much in his favour. In winter, my F-- and M--- sent almost every day pressing invitations to Tenducci to dine, and pass with us as many leisure hours as he could spare. These invitations he accepted of; and, during the greatest part of the time, he and I were left alone to study music. The harpsichord, singing, and now and then, by way of relief, questions relative to the manners and customs of the foreign nations he had lived amongst, made many hours glide imperceptibly away. Here I must own that I began to feel a secret pleasure in his conversation and company,

pany, which I at that time attributed to nothing else but his fine singing, his pleasing manner, and, above all, the obligations I was under to him, for the pains he had taken to instruct me in my favourite study. Happy had it been for him, if we had never met; for the difficulties our acquaintance has led him into, are scarcely to be credited. He had entered into an engagement to return to London. I could not bear the thoughts of his leaving Ireland, and therefore dissuaded him from his intention, by setting forth the advantages he might receive from a winter's residence in Dublin.

I was invited with a numerous party to pass the following Christmas at the abovementioned gentleman's house; which invitation my Father permitted me to accept. Tenducci was also there, and, during a month, our time was so engaged with music, dancing, and all kind of mirth, that no moments were left for reflexion. When I returned home, I found myself unhappy, tho' I knew not why. Music, that had always been before my greatest pleasure, was now become insipid, unless when accompanied by Tenducci's voice; neither did the conversation of my friends please me half as much as his. In short, what I then thought only Friendship, was really Love.

From this time, whenever he came to pay me a visit, I could no longer conceal the pleasure I felt at his arrival, and my chagrin when he was about to leave me. Here (I blush to

own it !) I gave him greater encouragement than was perhaps consistent with prudence ; but I was very young, unexperienced, and overcome with the strength of my attachment. In July, my ~~Brother~~ and I went to Limerick, where he and all my friends urged a marriage which was perfectly disagreeable to me. I persisted in refusing, and they in tormenting me to comply. From thence we went to Corke, during the assizes, where Tenducci was then engaged at the theatre. I had no sooner met him, than every tender sentiment, which I had formerly felt, was again renewed ; and these conspired with the thoughts of avoiding a marriage for which I had conceived the greatest horror and aversion, to bring me to a determination of marrying Tenducci, sooner than I otherwise should have done. This design I immediately imparted to him, and ordered that every necessary preparation should be made with the greatest expedition. The marriage was accordingly celebrated. The next morning I left Corke, in company with Mr. and Mrs. M---n, my F--- having gone towards Limerick two or three days before. Notwithstanding the utmost precaution we had taken (for I meant to keep our marriage secret, till Tenducci should be about returning to England) our affair was whispered every where, and I found it so positively asserted at Mallow, that, perceiving it could not be long concealed, I wrote immediately from thence to Tenducci, acquainting him that our marriage
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had taken air, and was already reported through all the neighbouring country ; that should my F--- hear of it, I knew not to what excess his resentment might at first provoke him ; and I therefore desired him to follow me without delay to Limerick, and to meet me the Sunday after. When I came to Limerick, I found myself extremely dejected, and waited with impatience for Tenducci's arrival. I perceived that the assistance of some person would be necessary, and therefore determined to entrust the secret of my marriage with my F---'s servant, Jerry. I persuaded him to take an oath, that he would never reveal what I was about to inform him ; and that he would assist and obey me in what I should desire, assuring him at the same time, that I should require nothing improper. I then acquainted him of my marriage, and of my resolution of going off with Tenducci as soon as he should arrive. The lad appeared very uneasy at this intelligence, and likewise on account of his being under an oath of secrecy. He endeavoured also to dissuade me from going off ; but I told him, my resolution was already taken, that I was now Tenducci's wife, and could not live without him. I desired my F--- to allow me to go on Sunday to my S---'s, about twelve miles from Limerick, knowing that I should get away better from thence ; but he would not consent to let me go till the next morning, August 25. I was a good deal vexed at this refusal, as I expected

pected Tenducci would come to Limerick on Sunday. It happened however very well, for he was detained by some accident till Monday, about three o'clock in the afternoon. I set out about ten o'clock on Monday morning for my *Sister's*, attended by my *Father's* groom; having first left with Jerry a note to be delivered to Tenducci the moment he should come to Limerick, in which I acquainted him of my intention to go off with him; and that the bearer, who was entrusted with the secret, and had undertaken to assist us, would conduct him to me. I arrived at G--h--ll (my *Sister's* house) about two o'clock in the afternoon. Jerry met Tenducci (as he has since informed me) just entering the town, and delivered my letter. Upon which they hired fresh horses, got a pillion, and set out for G--h--ll. I forgot to mention a circumstance, which has been employed to the disadvantage of the poor fellow, my confidant in this affair. When I was setting out for G--h--ll, I desired him to open my chest, and bring along with him some linnen and cloaths for me; but missing the key, I thought I had lost it; and therefore desired him, if he should find it locked, to break it open, the chest being my own, and containing only my own apparel. He objected at first to comply with my request, till I insisted upon it, and commanded him to do it. For this however he has been the object of a cruel persecution from my friends. It gives me great uneasiness, when I reflect that I have

have been the cause of the ruin of this poor man, who suffered the greatest fatigues, and frequently endangered his life on my account, without any fee or reward, but a mere trifle for his subsistence.

But to return. About ten o'clock at night Tenducci and Jerry came to G--h--ll according to my desire and expectation. The latter came directly up to the house, and informed me that Tenducci was waiting in the high road. The thoughts of leaving my friends affected me so that I could not forbear tears; but, in other respects, I was extremely glad that Tenducci was come according to my desire. I called for pen, ink, and paper, in order to write a letter to my F^{ather}---, and for that purpose I locked myself up in the parlour, in company with a young lady, to whom I communicated my story, and who was so far touched with compassion, that she promised inviolable secrecy. I must not omit mentioning, that while I was writing the letter to my F^{ather}---, E. F. a servant of Mr. H. W.'s, came to the room-door two or three times, to ask whether the letter was ready; and once I opened it, and bid him stay. Jerry had informed him of the affair, and bound him by oath not to disclose it; which he faithfully observed, though he had sufficient opportunity of discovering it, if he pleased, for the family were not yet gone to bed; and he saw the ladies of the house, Mr. R. W. junior, and Mr. C. I take notice of these particulars, because I find it

it mentioned in the affidavit of this E. F. that he wanted to get into the house, in order to inform Mr. R. W. junior, of what was in agitation, but that he could not get admittance, the doors being all locked, and the family gone to sleep.

I had not finished my letter till the family were all in bed. During this time, Tenducci was walking his horses up and down the high road. F. went and told him that I should soon be with him, and put up his horses in Mr. W.'s stable. Tenducci found himself so fatigued, that he lay down on a gravel walk to rest himself. I saw him from the window, which I opened, and told him I should come to him as soon as I had done writing. There he remained till I went out, Jerry and F. walking about near him. When I had finished my letter, I gave it to the young lady, and desired her to say, "that I had wrote it while she
" was asleep; that she did not know what be-
" came of me; and that she thought I had
" been in bed with her." She then stole softly into Mr. W.'s bed-chamber, and took the key of the hall-door, which we attempted to open, but found it would make too great a noise. Upon this she went up a second time, and brought down the key of the back-door, which I opened, and saw Tenducci at some distance. I then took leave of the young lady, saluted her, and wished her as happy a mind as I then felt. I begged of her also to write to me, which she

she promised to do, and for this purpose I gave her an address. I then walked out to meet Tenducci; and in the mean time F. brought the horses out of the stable, and helped me on horseback behind Jerry. I was impatient to be gone for fear of a discovery. Tenducci gave F. half a crown, upon which the latter said "God bless you both," and wished us success. This F. is the person who has since been prevailed upon by some of my relations to swear that Tenducci carried me away by force, and that he received this half a crown as a reward for assisting him in the execution of that design. In the letter which I left for my F. I related every thing in the same manner as I have told you. Is it not then surprizing that he should prosecute Tenducci with such unrelenting severity for carrying me off by force, when he had in his hands so undeniable a testimony of the contrary? Much might be said of the cruelty and injustice of this proceeding. But he is my F. and I will say no more than what the necessity of self defence extorts from me.

After some difficulties which we met with on the road, owing to the breaking of a chaise we got at Charleville to convey us to Corke, we at last arrived there, and remained two days without molestation. But on the evening of the second day (28th Aug.) as I was returning home from a Gentleman's house in Corke, where I had dined with a numerous

and polite company, and where I had left Tenducci, my chair was suddenly stopt, just at the door of my lodgings, by several armed men, who ordered the chairmen to go instantly along with them. Upon their repeated and peremptory refusal to comply with this demand, one of those who had thus stopt my chair drew his cutlass and wounded both the chairmen most unmercifully, one of them in particular was so shockingly cut in the head, and the blood streamed down so plentifully, that, as you may well imagine, I was distracted and terrified almost out of my senses. While I was screaming aloud for assistance, one S. a tide-waiter, presented a pistol close to my breast, threatening and swearing that " he would shoot me dead, if I spoke." And to compleat this scene of horror, at the thoughts of which even now my blood runs cold, I saw a near relation of my own, stand by unmoved, and suffer me to be thus insulted by ruffians whom he had employed to assist him in taking me. Where were then the common feelings of compassion and humanity, which distinguish human kind? where the sacred ties of blood and kindred, which bind the most savage tribes of men? and where that tenderness and delicacy of treatment which is acknowledged to be due to our sex by every civilized person, but which peculiarly characterize the Gentleman.

In short, I was carried to the house of the abovementioned S. on the quay, where I was confined by order of my cousin Mr. W. who also made the chairmen stay there all night, lest they should go and inform Tenducci of what had happened to me. Next morning, he set them at liberty having given them a few guineas, and obtained from them an oath of silence upon the transactions of the former day. I was left, I need not mention, nor can I describe, in what state of mind, in the custody of two of the party.

I now proceed to relate what happened to Tenducci. My cousin W.; S.; W. H. attorney; T. G.; S. F. revenue officer; and a number of servants went in pursuit of Tenducci, who being told, upon his coming home to his lodging, that I was carried away by force, was running out to endeavour to rescue me, had not the people of the house shewn him the impossibility of the attempt, and dissuaded him from endangering his life to no purpose. He remained then in the most distracted situation of mind till about one o'clock in the morning, when the above mentioned persons appeared before the house, and desired admittance. One C. a revenue officer, and son in law to the man of the house, looked out of the window. My cousin called to him, and threatened that he would get him suspended if he did not immediately give them admittance. Upon this C. from

the fear of losing his place, went and opened the door. In the mean time Tenducci had retired into one of the rooms and bolted the door. They pursued him to this apartment, and forcibly broke part of the door in such a manner that they presented a blunderbuss into the room, with which they swore they would shoot him if he did not instantly surrender himself their prisoner. Mr. W. assured him upon his word and honour, that if he would come out of the room and speak to him, he should not be molested, but treated like a gentleman. Upon the security of this promise Tenducci went out of the room, and was immediately apprehended as a prisoner by G. by virtue of an action forth of the Tholfel court of C--ke, at the suit of my F. marked for 2000 l. I am confident this transaction was done without the direction or knowledge of my F. and that my cousin — is entitled to the whole credit and honour of it. Tenducci was no sooner seized upon by G. and his gang, than my cousin began to search his pockets. They then dragged him down stairs, without allowing him time to put on his shoes, or his hat, and hurried him to the city goal. There he was thrust into what is called the common hall, a dungeon intended only for felons and murderers, cold, damp, highly offensive to the smell, and without a glimmering of light. Here he lay surrounded by malefactors; some

of whom were screaming with the agonies of a galling yoke, with which they were chained by the neck to the ground; and others still more wretched with the dreadful expectation of suffering in a few days that death to which they were already doomed, shocked his ears with the lamentable cries and groans of despair. In the morning however he was removed from this scene of misery by the goaler, to another apartment in the goal, where he continued till Saturday the 30th of August.

In the mean time I was kept in confinement at S's. who treated me with the most offensive indelicacy, to say no worse; nor is it a little astonishing that my relation Mr. W. should deliver me into the custody of such a man. Could my cousin so far carry his anger for my not making such an alliance as he should approve of? — Amongst the disagreeable circumstances of my confinement, I may reckon the proposals which were made to me by different people to turn evidence against Tenducci. I need not say with what disdain I rejected them.

My cousin, with some others, went to Tenducci and offered him his liberty, upon condition that he should give up all the letters he had received from me. This was done (as I have since found) that no means of defence might be left in his hands against the charge of seduction, with which he has been
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accused, and in order to get his life into their power. Upon his refusal to comply with this proposal, a high dispute passed between him and my cousin, in which, as I have been informed, the former behaved with great propriety. My cousin was so enraged at his disappointment, that he sent me word, I must go off to Limerick, and for that purpose he had provided me a carriage, and his wife's waiting-woman as an attendant.. Upon this, I wrote to Mr. J. L. merchant in Corke, and a relation of mine by marriage, to acquaint him and my cousin W. that as I was now Tenducci's wife, which might be proved, however it had been reported to the contrary, I would not allow myself to be sent out of town, nor to be parted from him. Upon the receipt of this letter, they held a long consultation together, which concluded with their consent to give me up to my husband, provided that I should write to Tenducci, and inform him, that I should be delivered up to him, upon condition of his giving a bond of 2000 l. that he should quit the kingdom, immediately after the expiration of his contract with Mr. B. and never afterwards should appear on any stage in Ireland. I wrote to him instantly to that purpose.

The same day, the 30th of August, in the morning, Mr. L. the town-clerk, signed an order to discharge Tenducci out of custody; and the sheriff also signed a discharge thereon to the jailor, as my cousin W. the pretended plaintiff,

plaintiff, was not able to shew any cause of bail, pursuant to the statute, he not being entitled or authorized, as guardian or parent, to take out an action against Tenducci, for the alledged crime of seduction, &c. &c. which he, however, took upon himself to do, even without the knowledge of my F—, as appears in his affidavit taken in the court of King's-bench, 24th November. Notwithstanding that Tenducci's confinement appeared so illegal, and that his attorney, Mr. B. H---es, produced the town-clerk's and the sheriff's discharges, the M. of C. would not suffer him to be enlarged, but, from his own authority, ordered him to be still kept as a prisoner, and as such to be brought before him at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the instance and desire of my cousin W. and those who attended in behalf of my F---. By desire of my cousin, the M. withdrew with them into a separate room, and held a long conference, upon the conclusion of which, he ordered that Tenducci should be brought a second time before him: He was accordingly brought, in custody of three or four bailiffs, to the house of Mr. L. and was asked several questions relative to our marriage, to which he refused making any reply, having previously been advised to that effect. They then took another method: They sent for Ald--n J. W. who, together with the M. issued a summons for his appearance at the place he then was, that they might examine him upon oath, pursuant

suant to a clause in the act of parliament relative to clandestine marriages. In the presence of those ~~Jurors~~ of the ~~Pe~~le, he was examined and cross-examined by different people, who endeavoured as much as they could to confound and frighten him. If such illegal proceedings be permitted, and pass unpunished, in vain we boast of our freedom and our laws. For this examination was illegal, not only as he had been brought to it by force, and in the custody of bailiffs, instead of the manner of summons directed by law; but also, as they endeavoured to perplex him by the number of persons who examined him at once, and took advantage of his ignorance in the English language, by catching at his answers to questions, the meaning of which he misunderstood; and thus leading him into errors, of no consequence to the main point, but sufficient to give a handle and pretence to those who are versed in the subtleties and sinister arts of the law, to frame matter of accusation to bring an action of perjury against him. When the examination was over, the M. at length graciously offered to set Tenducci at liberty, upon giving security for the peace and good behaviour; but being told, that it was illegal to demand any such security, he desisted, though not without much reluctance, and was pleased to permit him to be discharged.

About a quarter of an hour after his release, a servant of Mr. L.'s delivered to him the above-mentioned letter from me, mentioning the conditions

ditions upon which I should be delivered up to him ; which he had no sooner received, than he, accompanied by Mr. B. H——es, his attorney, went to Mr. L. who told him, that if he would perfect a bond, to the foregoing purpose, his wife should be given up to him ; for, added he, “ she says, she cannot live without “ you, and will not be seperated.” Upon this, Mr. L. desired Mr. H——es to draw the bond ; and farther agreed, that Tenducci should not be molested, or afterwards sued on my account. Tenducci signed the bond, and Mr. L. desired him to send for a chair, and said that he would conduct me to his lodgings ; which, however, was done by young Mr. H. in consequence of directions from Mr. L. Notwithstanding this, my —— made an affidavit in the King’s-Bench, the purport of which was, that Tenducci had a second time seduced me. I suppose he forgot that I had been sent home to him by Mr. L.

We remained unmolested till Monday morning, the 1st of September, when, at one o’clock, some person knocked at our bed-chamber door, to let us know my F——, and uncle R. M. were come to Corke. We did not mind this intelligence, but lay quite undisturbed, thinking there was no danger of being assaulted or parted, as Tenducci had passed the bond before-mentioned, and concluding that every thing was settled. But we found ourselves greatly mistaken ; for my F——, at seven o’clock in the

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morning, lodged fresh examinations 'against Tenducci, for secretly seducing, taking, and carrying me away, and got a warrant to apprehend him. Upon which my F —, together with my uncle R. M. of the city of Limerick, W. H. T. G. and a guard of soldiers came to our lodgings. R. M. broke into our bed-chamber, where Tenducci and I were still in bed ; and, presenting a cocked pistol, swore he would take away my husband's life. Terrified at the sight of the pistol, I intreated my F— to kill me first ; insisting it was absolutely my own doing, and that he had better put an end first to my life, as I could not survive the loss of him. When my F--- found threats were ineffectual to prevail on me, he used the most endearing expressions to get me to rise, and dress ; which I at last consented to do ; he then desired Tenducci to open his desk, which being refused, my F. and R. M. said they had an order to break it open : Tenducci, being ignorant of the law, at last consented, and gave him the key, with which my F. opened the desk, and, assisted by T. G. inspected every drawer ; and, searching them narrowly, he seized and carried away several papers, the property of my husband. Tenducci was then conducted, under a guard of soldiers, to the bailiff's house, and soon after committed to goal, without proceeding to examination before the M. (who was then in the house) or any justice of the peace. I was soon after dressed ; the house being all the

the while full of mob and soldiers. As I was going down the stairs, I turned to the M. before several witnesses, and in a very solemn manner said to him, " Sir, I am not now speaking to you as a friend, but as a magistrate and a judge : I do declare here, in the presence of my F--, that my marriage with Tenducci was all my own seeking. I first proposed it, and urged it to him." In this manner I publickly declared it, that he might not suffer for what he was entirely innocent of. My F-- then sent me to an inn on Hammond's Marsh ; there he called me into a private room, and began a strict examination : I acquainted him with every circumstance I have now written ; I told him, that it was really and in truth my own doing ; that I loved Tenducci, without his seeking it ; that he never said any thing to seduce me, nor had ever used the least violence ; that I married, and went with him by my own desire. He said every thing he could to make me turn evidence against Tenducci, but in vain : I found means to write a note or two to him with my pencil, and to have them conveyed to the goal. My uncle often repeated, he would certainly have shot Tenducci in his bed, if he had made the least resistance ; and, with a malicious smile, shocked me with the following horrid expression : " Tenducci is now in goal, and there he must stay till his flesh rots from his bones, and they shall moulder away with a variety of wretched-

“ neis.” The brutality of this speech overcame me, and I fainted away : When my lost senses returned, I told him, that if Tenducci was no ways connected with me, I should shudder and shrink with horror at such an expression.

For three days I was kept there, to try, if possible, to persuade me to swear falsehoods against my husband, with an intent to hang him, if possible : When they found me inflexible, I was dragged down the stairs, and forced into a post-chaise, under the guard of my uncle, and two armed men ; and, in that manner, taken to the county of Tipperary, to Mr. H. W.’s, while my F-- stay’d in Corke. After my departure, application was made to the ———, to know what security he required for Tenducci’s appearance ; and this worthy magistrate insisted only on 500 l. from him, and 500 l. from sufficient bail ; and declared he would not accept of less, as he said he had proper advice upon it.

Here I must make a small digression ; a gentleman of veracity told me, that he was credibly informed, that the M. took a bond of indemnification, from my F--, before he would consent to confine Tenducci. The facetious W. P. was M. at that time. The M. was then served with notice, that Mr. T. B. and R. M. two of the company of comedians, would become bail for him ; they being ready to swear themselves worth 500 l. The M. said, he could not take the bail without advice, and desired they might attend him the next day. In the mean time,
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some of my F--'s friends went to Mr. B. and insisted that he should not be bail, and threatened to do him as much injury as possible, if he did. Mr. B. thus intimidated, wrote to the M. that, for several reasons, he could not become bail. The next day (being the 5th of September) the M. consented to take B. and M. as bail. It is however to be observed, that he did not consent till he thought himself certain of B.'s refusal. But, to his great disappointment, Mr. B. being convinced of the propriety of relieving Tenducci, waited on the M. with M——n, and they offered themselves according to the form prescribed by law. He did not at that time seem to object to them, but said he must have farther time to consider; and appointed to meet them the next morning at Mr. L.'s office, where he would give them their final answer. They attended at the time the M. fixed; my F-- and Counsellor —— also appeared; the two last mentioned withdrew with the M. into a private room, and there continued for a considerable time; when they returned, the M. declared he would not take B. and M. bail. Application was then made to several Justices of the Peace, who, at the instigation of my F--, &c. also refused. I leave you to consider their intention in thus endeavouring to prevent his being admitted to bail. They then inserted a paragraph in the Corke and Limerick news-papers, that Tenducci was married to a young lady who had been his pupil;

pupil, in order to have an action against him pursuant to an act made in Queen Ann's reign, upon which Tenducci wrote the following letter to the printers of the Corke papers.

S I R, North Goal, September 2d, 1766.

" I Beg you will do me the justice, in your next paper, to contradict a circumstance inserted in your last, that I was married to a young lady who had been my pupil: Now, Sir, this is entirely void of foundation. I never was entertained as a singing or music master by any person, or persons, since I had the honour to perform in this kingdom; never taught the art of singing, and consequently never had a pupil; nor was I ever received by the friends of that young lady (whom I cannot mention but with the utmost respect) on any such footing, as a teacher of music, or singing in any degree whatsoever.

I am, Sir, your humble Servant,

F. TENDUCCI."

Their cruelty did not stop here: They swore perjury against him, which they alleged to be committed on his examination before the J---es, and had a committal lodged, in order to deter any person from becoming bail for him. It has been before observed that after Tenducci had obtained an order for his discharge from the action, he was brought

brought in custody of two or three bailiffs to Mr. L's. house, where counsellors S. and V. Mr. W. H. and Mr. W. then were, together with the M. and Sh--ffs. Mr. H. then delivered a summons to Tenducci, requiring him to appear before the M. and Ald--n J. W. in order to be examined touching his marriage, and instead of his being examined by the J---es he was examined and cross examined by S. V. and H. and put in a vast deal of confusion by their irregular and confused manner of questioning him. Tenducci was at the same time in very great agitation of mind by his being still in custody, and not knowing the consequence, or even the purpose of examining him, as they did not give him time to read the summons before they proceeded to examine him, nor did they allow him a person that could speak Italian to explain what they said to him. In part of the examination they asked him if any other woman was present at the marriage besides his wife? to which he answered no; he misapprehending the question, and imagining they asked him if he was ever married to any other woman. They asked him if it was a protestant or a popish clergyman who performed the ceremony? he answered he did not know, but believed he was a protestant. The purport of his testimony was ordered to be reduced into writing, and the clerk who wrote it set down positively that it was a protestant

testant clergyman who performed the ceremony: They then gave the deposition to him to read, and desired him to sign it: He, thinking the deposition had been fairly taken, and not understanding the English language sufficiently to form any judgment to the contrary, made no objection to signing it.

This, my dear friend, is the basis of an indictment for perjury. Can any proceeding be more unjust, more inhuman? Could his acknowledging that Mrs. H. his landlady, was present at our marriage, make him, or me, less guilty? Surely no! Can his ignorance of the English language, be imputed to him in so heinous a light, as to subject him to a trial for a crime he abhors, and to this hour is ignorant of having committed. I appeal to the candor of our bitterest enemy, to answer, whether this attack is not levelled at my husband because they think him unsupported, unfriended, and unable to withstand the repeated force of so many unheard of oppressions: But surely our laws are not to be twisted, and tortured, to answer particular purposes. The candor of a jury, will decide on the guilt of Tenducci, and that of the public, on the censure his persecutors deserve.

He remained in the North Goal of C--ke, by all accounts the most miserable prison in this kingdom, from the first of September, till the 9th of the said month: They put him into a little dungeon, placed between the

common necessary house, and the room where the condemned malefactors were confined: In the wall of this dismal cell, was a hole which admitted just enough of a glimmering light to discover the horrors of the place. There he was attacked with a fever, which brought on a spitting of blood: And reduced him to a very melancholy state, his life being in great danger, and had it not been for the humane assistance of two gentlemen, Doctors of Physic, Doctor S. and Doctor P. he must have perished in this horrid goal; they represented Tenducci's situation, to the M. and that it might be attended to, Doctor S. made an affidavit, of which the following is a true copy.

County of the city } THE affirmation of
 of Corke, to wit. } J. F. S. Esq; Doc-
 tor of Physic, taken before me this 9th day
 of September, 1766. The said affirmant doth
 solemnly, sincerely and truly, declare and
 affirm, that he is one of the profession of
 people called Quakers, and hath been so for
 one year last past: And that on last Saturday,
 in the evening, he visited F. Tenducci in
 the North jail in the city of C--ke; and that
 he found him very feverish, with a pain in
 his side, attended with a cough and spitting
 of blood, and a diarrhea, which he is of opi-
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said Tenducci's life will be endangered by continuing him in said jail, and that from his present bad state of health, it is probable he will die before the next assizes, if not released out of his confinement. J. F. S.

Affirmed before me this
9th September, 1766.

W. P. M.

Some gentlemen, pitying his distressed situation, and seeing the partiality of the M--tes, became bail for him, and he was once more delivered from that noisome goal. My F. left Corke immediately. My cousin W. desired Mr. T. B. not to advertise Tenducci's name in the bills for the theatre, assuring him, if he did, his house should be torn to pieces. Mr. B. apprehensive of danger, advertised the Merchant of Venice, instead of an opera, for Tenducci's benefit. Mr. W. not content with the schemes he had already practised, persuaded the commanding officer in C--ke to withhold the usual guard from attending the play house that night, in hopes that the audience and particular friends of Tenducci might be exposed to the insults of his party; and the more effectually to answer this purpose, and to prevent company from going to this benefit play, a report was industriously spread that there would be a riot at the house that evening. However, this cruel scheme to hurt him proved abortive,
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for the house was filled with the best company in the city. At the end of the first act Tenducci was called on for a song; this my cousin W's. party endeavoured to oppose, but were soon obliged to acquiesce. When the play was over, and one given out for the next night, the audience insisted on it's being an opera: Which accordingly was performed with universal applause. After the opera, he was desired to perform the ensuing night, but in this he was prevented by the persecuting genius of my relations, who, not content with the various difficulties they had already involved him in, and finding they had not succeeded hitherto in their attempts to deprive him of his life and livelihood, proceeded on a new stratagem to destroy him. They considered E. F. the aforementioned servant of Mr. H. W. of G--nh-ll, as a proper instrument for their purpose. They told him that he must be carried before the Rev. Mr. J. M. Justice of Peace, and gave information, that Tenducci had presented a pistol to his breast, forced the door of Mr. W's. house, and carried me away against my will, in a flood of tears. When they found the boy, tractable and ready to obey their orders, my — wrote directly to the M. of C. to the following purpose, as nearly as I can recollect: That upon the receipt of the letter he should have Tenducci arrested for capital felony; and as such an offence was not bail-

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able, he should hold him in goal till my F. could send the information, which E. F. was to give against him. Fear prevented W. P. from complying with this order, as he had been told his behaviour in the whole affair should be represented to some higher powers, if he continued to proceed so. Their view in getting this information was, that Tenducci should be transmitted from Corke to Clonmell goal, as the fact was alledged to be committed in the county of Tipperary; knowing if he was removed from amongst his protectors in Corke, that he would then be confined to a prison, where he could not expect the least assistance. Tenducci, early in the morning received notice, that this information had been sent to the M. the night before, by my F. he immediately waited on his worthy friends, who had been his bail, and told them what further mischiefs threatened him, and that he then came to give himself up, and begged to know in what manner they would dispose of him: They, touched with this unhappy man's sufferings, advised him to leave Corke directly, and take what measures he could for his preservation; that they only desired he should appear at the assizes there, to take his tryal; and that as he was in a very bad state of health, he should endeavour to recover it: He therefore set out for Lismore, where he remained unknown for some time: By this last scheme he was prevented

vented from compleating his engagement with Mr. B. in Corke, and consequently deprived of half the appointment he was to have received from him.

I have now brought Tenducci to some repose, and will proceed to inform you of myself. I told you, I travelled from Corke with my uncle; I was quite stupid, and in despair, on the journey: He never spoke to me all the time, but continued reading. When I arrived at Mr. H. W.'s, who is married to my S. I was received with much good-nature by R. W.'s wife, who was there. My S. for some time did not admit me into her presence; I paid no attention to any person, my thoughts were wholly fixed on Tenducci: I was closely watched, to prevent my receiving any letters from him; they deprived me of pen, ink, and paper; therefore it was not in my power to write: I was not even allowed to stir out of my room, during a fortnight that I was there, and was treated in a very disagreeable manner by my S. and her husband. In a short time, I heard that my F---, M---, and my aunt T. were expected at G--nh--ll. I trembled at the thoughts of seeing my M---, whom I always loved and respected. They accordingly came in a day or two after; my aunt reasoned a great deal with me, represented Tenducci in the worst light that it was possible, related many circumstances much to his disadvantage, which I have found to be entirely without foundation; and, in short,

used every possible means to persuade me to give him up. I told her, that, by her manner of talking, she must have been quite a stranger to my way of thinking, for that I should never disclaim in appearance, what I could not from my heart. My M---- received me with the greatest tenderness and affection, and lamented what she thought my misfortunes. My F--- came in two days afterwards, for my aunt to go to Limerick, as my grandfather was taken very ill. Immediately upon my F---'s coming to me, he told me, that he hoped I had resolved to do every thing my friends desired, and that I was sensible of the error I had committed; talked a vast deal of making an example of Tenducci; of having him pillory'd, transported, and made use of many other such threats. I made very few replies, well knowing that what I had to say was far from being agreeable to him. The next morning my F--- and aunt again came to me, and renewed pretty much the same conversation they had held the evening before: I told him, I could never change my affection and esteem for Tenducci, which he well deserves; and I should think myself ungrateful not to declare, that his behaviour to me, and to every one, through this whole affair, has been such as has gained him the assistance and friendship of every unprejudiced person. My ——— told me, that I must go and receive the sacrament, and there declare to the clergyman, that I hated Tenducci, and held him

him in utter abhorrence and detestation, and that I would never think more of him ; and insisted upon my signing a paper to this purpose ; and that I should write Tenducci a letter, to let him know the same thing. I was shocked beyond measure at this proposal, and told him, that no power on earth should tempt me to be guilty of so heinous a crime, as the committing a wilful perjury at the altar : He then flew into a violent passion, and said he would take other measures ; that Tenducci should not have one Barrister to plead his cause ; that F. should swear, Tenducci had clapt a pistol to his breast, and that he had taken me away against my inclination, and in a flood of tears. I declared that this was false, and that it was a pity to make the boy perjure himself to injure the innocent. No matter, says my ~~mother~~, it must be so ; “ this affair is hanging matter, and hanged he shall be ; ” so flung himself out of the room in a violent rage, and gave orders that I should be fed on bread and water, and confined in a garret ; and, to terrify me further, sent to let me know, that I should soon be removed to surgeon B----t’s private mad-house, near Dublin, where I should remain for life, if I did not comply. At last I answered, that I would suffer death, rather than yield to their unnatural demand. Soon after, my F--- and Aunt returned to Limerick, and left my M--- behind. I found means to write two letters to Tenducci, acquainting him with
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ter my F--- had heard my answer, he desired me to prepare to go to Limerick. My M. by his directions, stript me of all the cloaths which I ordinarily wore, and left in their place a wardrobe, which I am tempted to give you a list of. Exclusive of the rags I wore, I solemnly declare the following were every individual article I had for my winter's cloathing, nor had I one shilling to procure others.

One old persian gown,
 One pair coarse leather shoes,
 One pair *black* worsted stockings,
 One pair bandle cloth pockets,
 Three cloth aprons,
 One muslin ditto,
 Four cloth night-caps,
 One *gauze cap*,
 Three pair thick *single ruffles*,
 Two pair double ruffles,
 Seven shifts.

Thus equipped, after having taken leave of my M. and S. I set out on my journey. Only think what was my situation, well knowing it was my F---'s intention to imprison me for life, and not knowing where I was to be confined.

But, to return to Tenducci. Jerry found him at Mr. P—r's, in the county of Waterford; (a gentleman to whom he was recommended by some friends) here he was treated with the greatest humanity and good nature imaginable: He had great need of it; for his confinement

in Corke, fatigues both of mind and body, had reduced him to so bad a state of health, that he was not for a considerable time able to leave his bed. He was in this situation when he received those letters from me which I have already mentioned. (He has since told me, that if he had not some hopes of being the instrument to extricate me out of the misfortunes I then suffered, he would undoubtedly have put an end to his life.) Tenducci sent back Jerry, with a verbal message, to let me know, that he had solemnly promised the gentlemen, that were his bail, not to make any attempts to come where my father had placed me, or to write to me, till his trial was over; and that his health was so bad as to oblige him to keep his bed. Jerry, who was also not well, and unable to travel, begged Tenducci to lend him a horse, and he accordingly lent him a very fine mare, with which he set out; unfortunately for the poor man, Mr. W. met with him in Bilboe, and pursued him eagerly; but finding Jerry's horse too swift for his, and that he could not overtake him, about four miles from Bilboe, passing by Mr. L---'s house, and seeing that gentleman on horseback at the end of his avenue, in order to engage him to pursue Jerry, he thought on the following stratagem, by which he might be enabled to secure him: He stopped shortly, and told Mr. L. that Tenducci, and that man, (meaning Jerry) had been at G---nh---ll the night before, broke into his house, and robbed

his desk of 500 l. and, the better to gain credit, said that it was part of Lord C.'s rents, (to whom he is agent). Upon this declaration, Mr. L. and two well armed men, pursued the unfortunate Jerry, till he came within half a mile of P--ll-ce G---n ; where Jerry, finding the mare which he rode began to tire, and that his pursuers were very near, alighted, and led the mare into a cabbin, and shut her in. He escaped himself through a cabbage garden, and from thence into a field, where there was a pool of water surrounded with bushes : There he threw himself, and continued in the water till about one o'clock ; and Mr. W. and his party looking all about the place where he was, but did not see him. Mr. W. enraged at his vain pursuit, returned to the cabbin, and, by way of revenge, seized Tenducci's mare, and sent her to Drummallagh pound. What right had he to do this ? How could he dare to abuse the freedom of the country ? If he made himself a special bailiff to take Jerry, he could have no pretence to seize a mare, the property of another person, and put her into a pound, with a view to let her perish. I have heard, Jerry with great difficulty has got to his friends. Tenducci, not hearing from me or him, and finding his mare did not return, was much distressed : However, by mere accident, some gentlemen of the county of Waterford, who had been at Mr. Keating's funeral, in the county of Tipperary, called at Mr. P---s, where Tenducci

ducci was, and there gave the above-mentioned account, and assured him that his mare was just starving : He immediately applied to these gentlemen to procure her for him ; and one of them being well acquainted with Mr. B-d-aw, sheriff of the county of Limerick, very obligingly wrote to him to send the mare, as Tenducci had made an affidavit to him that she was his property ; upon which Mr. B--d--aw sent her, on Tenducci's paying three guineas. To his great mortification, at her return, he found her not worth that sum, though of very considerable value when Mr. W. was pleased to send her to pound ; but better could not be expected from a person of his disposition.

During this time I was on my journey with my F--, therefore did not know any thing of what had passed, till we came to Bryan's Bridge, where we were met by my uncle and one O'd ; there we dined, and Mr. W. ^{came} spoke to me, to persuade me to give up Tenducci, but to no purpose ; he then read me a letter, which they had just received from H. W. giving an account of his pursuing Jerry ; and further added, that now my correspondence must cease, as they had secured and sent my messenger to goal. After dinner we again set out, accompanied only by O'd ; the evening was very wet, and we travelled through a great tract of barren country : At twelve o'clock at night we arrived at a house, where we rapped till we awoke the inhabitants ; the servant at last gave us admittance ;

tance ; we were conducted into a parlour by the gentleman of the house, whom I found to be brother to S. O'd. Shortly after, there entered an old woman, of a severe and cruel aspect, who was the only female in the house ; I was terrified at beholding her, as I supposed she was to be my duenna, during the course of our journey. My F. encouraged me by saying, that if I would stay till after the tryal was over, I should have a carriage to convey me to Dublin ; that very likely I should be with Tendu-ucci, and that it was a pity I should not be happy with him. I had been but a very short time in the house, when (through the agitation of my spirits, and the extreme fatigue I had undergone) I fainted : In this condition I was taken to bed by the old woman.

The next day my F. gave severe directions in writing how I was to be treated, and after breakfast set out, leaving me in the custody of O'd, and his brother. In this house I remained till the next morning, when I set out on horseback behind S. O'd, who conducted me to another brother of his towards the west of the county of Clare : At about 5 o'clock we got to the end of our journey, through a country as wild and dreary as you can imagine : We struck off the high road into a piece of uncultivated land where no road was visible, and descended a steep hill ; we then came to a small court-yard, inclosed with a high wall ; there we alighted, and I beheld
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a house, (or more properly speaking a ruin) half of which rose out of the river Shannon, and seemed to totter into it: The roof was quite sunk, the windows partly stopped with brick, and partly with hurdles, the door half eaten by worms, and those spaces which were intended for glass, stopped with wisps of straw. My astonishment was very much increased when (upon being shewn into a dirty room, with two small holes in the wall) I was met by Mrs. O'd, whose manner of salutation was to present me with a glass of brandy, which she first took a sip of, and seemed quite astonished at my declining to accept: She was very low spirited, as her brother was in a dying way above stairs. She called for Jacky, her son; he came in, dressed in a green coat and a small black velvet cap: This young man is about five and twenty, exceedingly vulgar and perfectly unpolished. He received me in a very awkward manner. Miss Jenny next made her appearance, who, by her dress and address, I took to be a kitchen maid. She was introduced to me as miss O'd. Mr. O'd, the master of the house, led up the rear, whom I absurdly took for a labourer. Soon after dinner was served, and we all sat down; you may judge the group was not unentertaining. Their manner of eating was of a piece with the description that I have given you of their behaviour in every other particular. Our repast consisted
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of a dish of coarse salted beef, a wooden pail of broth, the same sort of vessel full of milk, and a wooden dish of potatoes, all laid on a table cloth most odiously dirty; there were but three knives and forks, which were laid before Mr. Mrs. O'd and I; Mrs. O'd. cut the beef into small pieces, and the rest of the company took what part they liked out of the dish with their hands. After the beef was eat miss O'd brought a dozen of wooden noggins, which they dipped down into the pails in which the broth and milk lay, sometimes in one and sometimes in the other; and, in short, so turned my stomach with their nastiness, that, during two months I stayed there, I never eat at any meal but breakfast; that I had no other company but Mrs. O'd; as oaten bread, and tea, was too fine a breakfast for the family, that treat was reserved for her and I; the rest of the ladies eat potatoes and four milk.—In the evening, I desired to be shewn the way to my bed-chamber, to which I was led by a pair of narrow steep stairs. This house had formerly been a kind of fortified castle, and my apartment the prison of it. I endeavoured as much as possible to adapt myself to their humours, as I was so much in their power; but my efforts to please them were vain; and, instead of inspiring them with pity for me, it encouraged them to use me ill; not one person in the house behaved with decency to me. The brother of
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Mrs. O'd died in a few days after, and a most melancholy scene ensued; the house full of country people, who all howled in a shocking manner. After the hurry of the burial was over, this whole family talked to me in a most inhuman manner, particularly young O'd, who took very great liberties with me; he was perpetually tormenting me with professions of love, and his conversation so indecent and shocking, as terrified me out of my senses; he allowed me the use of pen, ink, and paper, which I employed in writing several letters to Tenducci; but it surprized me vastly that I never received any answers, not having the least suspicion of their being intercepted; but O'd constantly read them, and never forwarded a single one to the post-office.

O'd often wanted to extort an oath from me, that whenever Tenducci died I would marry him; for which purpose, he told me, that he would use all possible means to convey me to him: When he found that was impracticable, he proposed another scheme, which was to marry him, and that he would quit the kingdom, and never claim me till Tenducci's death. Finding all the snares that he laid for my ruin ineffectual, in his anger he used to talk in a manner that it is impossible for me to describe; his father and mother encouraged him in this sort of behaviour, and reported in Ennis, that I was certainly to be married to him, and that my F. was to give me a fortune.

At last his insolence quite disgusted me: One morning a letter was brought to me in private, as if from Tenducci, (which they and my relations in Limerick had forged) letting me know that he had broke his arm, and that he was in a deplorable way; that as soon as he should find himself able to travel he meant to quit the kingdom; that he had suffered so much on my account that he was determined not to think more of me; and to beg that I would not make myself uneasy. This letter deprived me totally of my senses; I was distracted to such a degree that I attempted to put an end to my life; they saw me in this agitation, and with well dissembled innocence, tried to comfort me on the accident. After a little reflection on their behaviour, it occurred to me that it was a finesse of theirs to torment me: I knew Tenducci was not capable of being the author of such a letter. The next day about 11 o'clock I met a woman, who slipped a letter into my hand, which was from Tenducci himself; he had heard by accident where I was, and had met with a friend who was kind enough to convey it to me; he gave me an account of his having sent Jerry with an answer to my letter to G--nh--ll, and that he had never heard of him since; he was quite amazed at not having heard from me, and added that it was by mere accident he found out where I was. This letter was a very different one

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Now I was more than ever convinced of the villainy of O. they knew in an instant that I had received a letter from Tenducci; they confined the poor woman that brought it for a long time, and gave her no other subsistence than a scanty meal of bread and water once in twenty-four hours; as they said to prevent any person from committing the like offence again. Next morning **OP** set out to Limerick, to acquaint my relations with all that had passed, and to consult upon farther torments for me. On his return, he endeavoured to persuade me that the letter I had received was from a gang of young men who wanted to inveigle me from-home, in order to run away with me, and many other falsehoods, too insignificant and too numerous to mention; he then renewed his odious addresses; to put an end to this persecution, I snatched up the Bible and took my oath, that during my life I never would marry him, and that I was amazed at his presuming to talk so to a woman who was already married. This declaration tempted them to treat me with such violence that I expected immediate destruction. Young O. mad with rage, swore that the next morning he would force me into a small uninhabited island in the Shannon,

where I should continue till I consented to comply with what he desired; that I should never more behold Tenducci; and assured me that I was entirely in his power. I shuddered with horror at his brutality, and for some time I could make no reply; he immediately renewed his old theme, upbraided me for having taken so rash an oath, and told me that if I would break it, he would do every thing in his power to oblige me; I again reproached him severely for his wretchedness, and made no other reply.

O. perpetually told me that the house was haunted, and one night, after I had been asleep for two hours, I was awoke by a great noise in my room, which alarmed me exceedingly; I called out to know who was there; (as O. locked my door every night, and kept the key, I guessed it was him for some time) no reply was made to my question, though I plainly heard a person walking in the room; I sat up in my bed and declared I was determined to know who was there; upon this a flash of light filled the room; I opened the curtain, and just had a glimpse of young O. throwing gun-powder into the fire, and then hurrying out of the room. I was terrified beyond expression at this new and unexpected proof of his baseness, and resolved at any rate to make my escape, let the consequence be what it would. I then desired to have the key of my room, that I might lock it

it inside, but O'd, with his usual confidence, denied my request: Were I to tell you all the methods that this family made use of to effect their purposes it would swell this letter to a volume; but I have already said enough to convince you of their perfidy. One circumstance, however, I cannot omit: One day I asked Mrs. O. for a common Prayer-book; she told me there was no such thing in the house, (nor could I, indeed, at any time discover what religion this family professed) but she said that her son should bring me one from Limerick; he accordingly, upon his return from thence, presented me with a book, which I found upon opening it, to be entitled "the Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure." From the title it was easy to discover the villainy of his intention, and I therefore with disdain cast the book into the fire. I acquainted my ~~father~~ by letter, of those wicked proceedings, but, I am sorry to say, no notice was taken of them by him.

In this deplorable situation I continued till about a fortnight after, when I found means to escape, and went directly to the county of Waterford, where I arrived in a most melancholy situation, what with the loss of sleep for five nights, the badness of the weather, and the itch, with which infamous disorder I had been infected at Od's, my situation was not to be described. From this I went directly to Mr. P--'s house at Ballymacarbarry, where,

where, without any previous introduction, I entered; and to my great surprize and disappointment found that Tenducci had left it to go to Dublin about a month before. Mr. P. received me in a most obliging and polite manner, and insisted upon my making his house my home, till I informed Tenducci of my escape; I readily accepted of his invitations; he then told me, that when Tenducci first came to his house he was in a very bad state of health, but the regular life he led there soon restored him, and that the only thing that interrupted his tranquility, was the thoughts of my unhappy situation, which continually preyed upon his mind; he also said, that there had been many paragraphs in the news papers, to make him appear in an odious light to the public; one imported, that he had quitted the kingdom, and that he was engaged at the theatres in London; the other, which run in the following manner, was inserted to prevail on me to marry O'd. "Died. On the 13th instant, at Dungarvan, "in the county of Waterford, Mr. Tenducci, "of a pleuratic fever, which he contracted in "the North-goal of C--ke." Upon this he set out to Dublin, to fulfil his engagements with Mr. B. and to convince his friends that this report was void of foundation; — but my F. not content with what Tenducci had already suffered, gave fresh information, against him for the same offence, in the court of
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~~K--- B---~~^{King B---}, though I had in the most solemn manner repeatedly declared to him that he was not guilty of the charges that were alleged against him, as I went with him entirely by my own desire, which my letters could prove; the only difference in this information was, that he prayed the protection of the honourable court of K. B. to prevent Tenducci from carrying me away; he was assisted by the information of the before mentioned F. who beyond doubt must have been bribed, else he never could have so palpably perjured himself.

These proceedings, I imagine, were entirely calculated to banish Tenducci from this kingdom, but I hope the justice of our cause, and the illegal methods used against us, will shew him in the true light to the impartial judges before whom it is to be tried.

Upon his arrival in Dublin he went directly to call upon Mr. B. to let him know that he was ready to fulfil his engagements, but he found that he was not yet returned from England: He heard that my F. (though Tenducci was under rule of bail for his appearance at the last March Assizes of Corke, and though I had repeatedly told him how groundless his accusation was) had given fresh informations for the same offence before Lord A. with only this difference, that he produced an old paper, folded like a letter, without a superscription, which he wanted to
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prove was a letter from Tenducci to me, and consequently that he had seduced me. I assured him several times while I was at G--n--h--ll that I would take my oath that I never had received such a letter, or knew any thing about it, and at the same time reminded him of a particular circumstance to convince him that he could not write English: Last summer, in Corke, my F. wanting two passes to admit some ladies to the opera, desired Tenducci to write them; he told my F. that he knew so little of English that he could not do even so trifling a thing, "but, (continued he) "if you will write the necessary words I will copy them." This my F. complied with, and Tenducci accidentally has preserved the original in his OWN HAND WRITING.

Tenducci never in any legal form answered these accusations; several of his friends pressed him to it, but he always declined it, as he was unwilling to expose my letters in a public court, and the F. of a person that he loved so much: All Tenducci wished for was to find some friend who would endeavour to settle matters amicably between my F. and him, and knowing Mrs. G. to be both a friend to my F. and him, he wrote her a letter, begging her to interpose, which she very kindly consented to. He for some time received no answer, but she hinted to some of Tenducci's friends that my F. was determined to persecute him to the utmost of his power.

power. One evening Mrs. G. privately came to him, and after some conversation told (as from herself) that she had reason to think that if he would promise to give me up, and to quit the two kingdoms, that, perhaps, every thing would be finished, as my relations were afraid that he would permit me to appear on the stage; he assured her that they might be quite easy in that particular, as he would give any security they demanded that I should never appear in public; but as to giving me up he never would consent to it.

In this situation affairs were, when Mr. B. came from England. Tenducci, as he had taken no lodgings in Dublin, ordered his trunks to be taken to Mr. B---'s house, and went there two or three times himself, but Mr. B. always denied himself; so finding it impossible to see him, he left a notice at his house, to let him know that he was in Dublin, on purpose to perform his contract with him, and that if he had any commands for him to send to Mr. C---'s. However, Mr. B. never took any notice of his repeated messages, Tenducci then wrote the following letter to my F.

• Hon. Sir, Dublin, Dec. 1st, 1766.

• As I think myself very unhappy in hav-
 • ing given you cause of displeasure, I am the
 • more desirous of agreeing to any terms or
 • proposals that might appease your resent-
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' ment. You can't but be sensible, that all
 ' further attempts to injure or distress me can
 ' only serve, as heretofore, to subject to vul-
 ' gar tongues the name of a lady that ought
 ' to be dear to all her friends: To preserve
 ' that precious name from scandal and ca-
 ' lumny, I am ready to acquiesce under all
 ' the oppressive measures that have been taken
 ' hitherto to crush me; and to do any thing
 ' that she and her friends think I ought to
 ' do to make them all happy. I am, Sir, with
 ' the greatest respect, your most obedient and
 ' most humble servant,

Tenducci received no answer from my F.
 so he quitted Dublin, and went to the county
 of Kildare to visit a friend; about three days
 after he had been there, on Sunday the 7th of
 September, as he was going into the church
 at Naas, a messenger gave him the following
 letter.

' Dear Tenducci, Dublin, Dec. 6, 1766.
 ' I had a long conference yesterday with
 ' Mrs. C. at my house, the particulars of
 ' which you shall know to-morrow, as you
 ' must come to town at the receipt of this
 ' letter; I had the enclosed from Mr. F. P.
 ' this morning, in answer to that you wrote
 ' to Mr. M. and just now received another
 ' message from the same, that he will meet
 ' you

' you at my house to-morrow, at one o'clock.
 ' I am glad Mr. M. has fixed on him to settle
 ' this matter; he is a person very well
 ' qualified for the purpose, and one on whose
 ' integrity and honour you may with safety
 ' rely. Mrs. G. has also promised to attend:
 ' Your friend, P. promised, and I am sure
 ' will not fail coming; so that I hope, from
 ' all these concurring circumstances, your affairs
 ' will end prosperously. You must not
 ' fail to be at my house in town, at one
 ' o'clock to-morrow. Your assured friend,
 ' and humble servant, E. C.'

The following is Mr. P.'s letter, which was
 inclosed in Mr. C.'s. ' Mr. P. desires his compliments
 ' to Mr. Tenducci, and will give him
 ' a meeting, when and where he shall please to
 ' appoint, to talk upon the subject of his late
 ' letter to Mr. M. and does hereby assure Mr.
 ' Tenducci, on the faith and honour of a gentleman,
 ' that his person and liberty shall be in
 ' perfect safety, during the interview, and may
 ' afterwards retire in like safety, without interruption
 ' or hindrance, whither he shall like; for performance
 ' of which, I hereto subscribe the name of F. P.

' December 6th, 1766.'

Tenducci, as I told you before, was just going
 into church at Naas, between eleven and twelve
 o'clock, and though it was raining violently,

lently, he immediately mounted his horse, and set out for Dublin : He rode very hard ; but the weather was so extremely bad, that he was prevented from getting to town till two o'clock. When he arrived at his friend's house, he was informed that Mr. P. had left it that very moment ; and he therefore sent a person after him, who overtook him in the next street, and gave Mr. Tenducci's compliments, that notwithstanding the badness of the weather, he had rode from Naas in two hours ; and if the time was past that he had appointed, it was the fault of the messenger that he had sent with the letter, and not his. Mr. P. sent him word, that he could not return. But, during the time that Mr. P. was waiting for Tenducci, he told his friend, that my F.'s only proposal of accommodation was, that he should give me up, quit the King's dominions, and make an excuse to my family in the public papers, and acknowledge himself to be the aggressor.

Tenducci then sent for his trunks to Mr. B. and sent him word, that he was very much surprized at not having heard from him, Mr. B. immediately sent back his trunks, and sent Mr. L. to let him know, that he must give it under his hand, that ne would perform with him, and he then would make a new engagement with Tenducci ; his answer to this was, that he was already engaged with Mr. B. and that he did not see any occasion for renewing another. Mr. L. told him, that Mr. B.'s rea-
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son for desiring it was, that he was informed, my family intended to prevent his appearance in public. Since that time he has never heard more of Mr. B.

Mr. ~~Henry~~, a friend that Tenducci had been acquainted with in London, (and was in Dublin at this time) sent to let him know, that he would be glad to speak to him, relative to my F--'s affidavit in the K. B. Tenducci let him know where he was; he immediately came, and began to talk to him about the affair, from the beginning: He advised Tenducci to accept of a large sum of money, and to quit the kingdom directly; and said, that if Tenducci would give him permission, he would go to my F--^{Father}, as he was certain he would agree to those terms. Tenducci told him, he was obliged to him for the trouble he had taken; but that he could not possibly give him any such authority; upon which Mr. H— made use of many arguments to prevail with him: among others, that my F—'s being a B---^{Barber}, would prevent any lawyers from pleading; consequently, that our case would not be shewn in its true light, and that therefore justice could not take place.) When he found that Tenducci was inflexible, he desisted. I believe this gentleman was employed by my F—^{Father}, to make Tenducci quit the kingdom.

On the 25th of December Mrs. G. in a violent hurry came to the door of the house where Ten— and asked the servant if

if he was at home, with such impatience that the servant, afraid, told her his master was in the country. She then asked for the mistress of the house, and being told that she was abroad, she went home and wrote a letter to desire she would let her know directly where Tenducci was, as she had something to impart to him much to his advantage. Mrs. C. sent to let her know that Tenducci was then in Dublin; and the next day waited on her. Mrs. G. in an artful manner, asked her, WHERE IS SHE? (meaning me); Mrs. C. did not understand what she meant by the question, and seemed very much surprized. Mrs. C. then asked several different questions concerning us. Mrs. C. in a very serious manner, said, that she did not know what she meant by putting such questions to her. Mrs. G. then told her, that on Saturday, December the 20th, I had eloped from the county of Clare, and that I had taken with me a horse of O'd's, of great value; (the story of the horse was framed to make me appear criminal) and that my M. was then in the house, and very uneasy, lest I had gone away with some body else, and wished much to know from Tenducci if he knew any thing about me, for that her mind could be quite easy, if she imagined I was with him, as she was sure he loved me, and would take care of me; and that if Tenducci would let my know where I was, that my relation ible themselves

selves farther about us, but leave us in peace. Mrs. C. assured her that Tenducci did not know any thing about me, for that he had been in Dublin for a month before, and that she would take her oath she had seen him every day ; but that she would go to him directly, and enquire particularly if he knew where I was, and let my M. know it ; accordingly Mrs. C. went to Tenducci, and related the conversation that had passed between Mrs. G. and her. Tenducci was quite distracted, imagining that I was in reality sent out of the kingdom, and that this story was an artifice. He directly set out to the house of a good friend and protector, in the county of Kildare, to screen himself from farther insults ; and on Tuesday, the 1st of January, a boy, whom I had employed, gave him a letter from me, letting him know, that I was very near him, and desiring him to come directly to me, which he did. You cannot conceive his concern and astonishment at the miserable situation I was in.

The next morning he went to Dublin, according to promise, to let my M. know that we were together, to put her out of pain. Tenducci sent to Mrs. G. to let her know that he had seen me the night before, and to beg that she would let my M. know it, and to intreat that she would ask my F. what he would have him do, as he was determined to be ruled in every particular by him. He received no answer ; so Tenducci, the Sunday following, waited

waited on Mrs. G. himself. She told him that my relations would never suffer him to appear in public in Ireland, and that they would do every thing in their power to prevent my living with him in Dublin ; therefore, she told him, that her advice to us was, to quit the King's dominions without loss of time.

A sensible gentleman, a friend to both parties, offered Tenducci to interfere, and gave himself a great deal of trouble, but to no purpose ; the answer was still the same. At this time, being in a very bad state of health, I sent to desire Tenducci to come to me directly, in order to assist me. I wrote repeated pathetick letters to my F—, M—, and relations, to none of which I received any answer ; at length Tenducci, finding that my letters had no effect, wrote to my F—, the purport of his letter, to the best of my recollection, was as follows :

‘ Honoured Sir,

‘ I Take up the pen, with a kind of hope that
 ‘ God has inspired you, at last, to be inclined to pity, and to abate (at least) some
 ‘ part of the cruelty with which I have been
 ‘ so inhumanly persecuted. My Dora came to
 ‘ me in a piteous situation. No man can express the state she is in ; her health quite
 ‘ gone, her features altered, a swelling all over
 ‘ her, full of the itch, which she was infected
 ‘ with from the first week that she went to
 ‘ the O’ds, and not taking any cure in time ;
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' the family, instead of endeavouring to relieve
 ' her, by proper medicines, never troubled
 ' themselves; so that it is run to such a pitch,
 ' that she is not able to stir out of her bed, as
 ' her hands and fingers are all over covered with
 ' boyls, as well as her body and legs. Were
 ' you to see her, (however displeased you may
 ' be with her) I am sure you would be moved
 ' at so dreadful an alteration. I received her
 ' with the kindness of a heart, which will
 ' prove to you and all the world, to the end of
 ' my days, that your opinion of me was unjust.
 ' Yes ! my dear Sir, I do and shall adore her,
 ' and shall always esteem her as my superior ;
 ' she shall be my guide, my director, in every
 ' circumstance of my life. You need not have
 ' the least apprehension that ever she will ap-
 ' pear on the stage ; and you may be assured
 ' that she shall never see any company below
 ' her, but such only as you will allow to be
 ' proper. No body, Sir, has her character
 ' more at heart than myself. I can tell you,
 ' my notions of women's behaviour are full as
 ' delicate as yours can possibly be. It would
 ' shock my soul even to think of the least rea-
 ' son for aspersions in the behaviour of one so
 ' nearly allied to me as she is. She has told
 ' me, that she wrote to Mrs. M. giving her some
 ' account of the indelicacy of young O'd. She
 ' was ashamed to tell you with freedom, how
 ' many attempts that forward young man made
 ' on her virtue ; and especially one circum-
 ' stance :

' stance : He finding that he could not force
 ' her any other way, surprized her very often
 ' in bed in the morning ; came in his shirt, and
 ' lay on the bed, to endeavour to succeed in his
 ' horrid purpose ; and closed her in his arms to
 ' force her ; besides all this, he has taken the
 ' liberty to spread a report in Ennis, that he lay
 ' with her every night. Can you read this with
 ' patience ? I am so enraged at the indignities
 ' offered her, that I cannot, and will not, bear
 ' it calmly. She at length happily found means
 ' to escape his brutality. She is constantly in
 ' tears ; and cries, " Sure my F--- never meant
 " to send me there, to be subject to the plea-
 " sure of such a man." However, Sir, she
 ' keeps her bed, and is so much altered that
 ' you would not know her to be the same that
 ' she was before. I have got a physician at-
 ' tending her, and have done every thing I could
 ' to relieve her ; and would have done more,
 ' to make her appear as she should, if you had
 ' not taken an advantage to deprive me unjustly
 ' of the means to procure for her every thing
 ' that was suitable ; and yet I never answered,
 ' in law or any other way, out of respect to the
 ' F---- of a person whom I so much love and
 ' esteem.

' I leave it to your own conscience, whether
 ' I have been treated justly, or not ; as you
 ' have prevented my pursuing my profession,
 ' you must be sensible that we cannot long sub-
 ' sist in this way. You will not surely carry
 ' your

‘ your resentment so far as to desire to see us
 ‘ perish. I hope God will inspire your heart
 ‘ to give me a favourable answer. Direct for
 ‘ me at the Post-office, at Naas.

‘ I am, Sir, with the greatest respect,

‘ Your most obedient, and

‘ Most humble Servant, F. T.’

To this submissive letter, he received the following answer from Mr. P.

‘ SIR,

Dublin, Jan. 31, 1767.

‘ **M**Y injured friend, Mr. M. has received
 ‘ your letter from Naas. He disclaims any
 ‘ manner of connexion with you. You claim
 ‘ a marriage with an infatuated unhappy daugh-
 ‘ ter of his : I believe I need not inform you,
 ‘ that any such marriage (if celebrated) was a
 ‘ void act by the law of this country, having
 ‘ been celebrated, in a clandestine manner, by
 ‘ a Popish Priest. As for his daughter, Mr.
 ‘ M. says, that if she is unhappily brought
 ‘ into the scene of misery you mention, she
 ‘ must place it to her own and your account ;
 ‘ as you, by your wiles and treachery in his fa-
 ‘ mily, led her into it ; and she, by withdraw-
 ‘ ing herself from his protection, deserved it ;
 ‘ and I have this to add, that neither her F---,
 ‘ or any of her family, will consider her as
 ‘ entitled to their care or attention in any re-
 ‘ spect, while she continues in the state of re-
 ‘ bellion she now is, through your means.’

Could you, my dear friend, have thought any Christian, much less a F--; capable of dictating such a letter !

Tenducci returned the following answer to Mr. P.

‘ S I R,

‘ I T was but this day that I returned to Naas,
 ‘ where I found a Letter of yours (which
 ‘ had been in the Post-office since Sunday the
 ‘ 1st of this month) in answer to my last letter
 ‘ to Mr. ———, in which he disclaims any
 ‘ manner of connexion with me : He obliges
 ‘ me at last, with sorrow, to let him know, that
 ‘ since acting the part of a man of honour, and
 ‘ a good Christian, will not do with so inflexi-
 ‘ ble a man as he, that I absolutely declare, I
 ‘ will let all the protectors and guardians of the
 ‘ law, and the public in general, know the cru-
 ‘ elty and illegality of his proceedings.

‘ As for his daughter, I now plainly see, by
 ‘ his not answering upon O’d’s abuse to her,
 ‘ that it was his intention, that she should be
 ‘ treated so indelicately. But if for a moment
 ‘ I might suppose myself the aggressor, (which
 ‘ I never was) he must be the worst of Fathers,
 ‘ who, for a family punctilio, would bring his
 ‘ daughter’s name into a public court, to be
 ‘ exposed to the scandal and calumny of a king-
 ‘ dom.’

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The time approached when Tenducci was to go to C---ke, to surrender himself to his generous bail, and I found myself much recovered. We set out together to Clonmell, where I wrote a few letters to some of my F---'s friends, that then were in that town, and one in particular to Counsellor S—, but received no answer. We then came to the house of a friend, whom I have known since I was a child, where we remained safe. Tenducci, on Monday, March the 30th, went to C---ke, in order to stand his tryal, for the charge of seducing and privately carrying me away, and for the indictment of the perjury ; but my F---- consented to discharge his bail ; so Tenducci left Corke, and as the house we were at was near Corke, Tenducci's friends advised him to have a Concert, which was attempted ; but my F--- hearing it, as he could not have any bill of indictment presented to the Grand Jury, for the charge of seducing me, (having already removed the cause to the court of K. B.) he revived this pretended perjury, and the bill of indictment was found. Mr. H---, Attorney, made overtures, as if from himself, that if we would quit the kingdom, my F--- would give us 50 l. on setting out, and 100 l. more upon landing in any other part of the world. Now this offer was making Tenducci very good amends for the loss of 2500 l. besides the interest of that sum, which they very well knew they had deprived him of, by preventing his appearing in Dublin
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last winter. Upon Mr. H.'s hearing that we positively refused coming into these measures, he pulled out of his pocket a warrant against Tenducci, and said that the offence was not bailable, and declared he would serve him directly with a subpœna to attend the K. B.—These proceedings, you may imagine, put an entire stop to the before-mentioned Concert, which was quite what they wished for. Thus are we illegally prosecuted, and Tenducci prevented from pursuing his profession.

We sent the following proposal to my F---, viz. " That Tenducci would give any sum punctually to be levied, if I should go on the stage, (which is one pretext for using us so cruelly) also, to vest half his yearly income in trustees hands, as a future provision for us ; and that he would come into other reasonable terms they should propose."

This, my dear friend, is the present state of our affairs. I shall not fail to give you a minute account of every thing that happens.

Thus have I informed you of every material circumstance that has occurred to me, since my acquaintance with Tenducci. Those that are related, you may rest assured, are fairly represented ; and if any are omitted, it is not with a design to conceal any part of our conduct, but either from inadvertency, or unwillingness to mention the names of friends, who might be offended at having them divulged. It is, however, material to mention a circumstance

stance or two, which alone would serve to convince you of the malignity and meanness with which this persecution has been carried on against us. When I first escaped from G-nh-ll to Tenducci, you may recollect I told you, that circumstances did not allow of my bringing away more cloaths than those I wore ; consequently, on my arrival at Corke, it was necessary to procure a supply, which Tenducci did. On my being freed from him, as before, not only my own cloaths, but those that absolutely belonged to him, were taken from me ; and, notwithstanding the interposition of several friends, and my own repeated application, are still detained. Another circumstance, that I cannot think of without indignation, were the enquiries made after Tenducci's debts, at every place where he lodged, or had dealings, in order to distress him, by getting assignments of them, and enforcing payment, at a time when he was deprived of the means of life.

I ought now to apologize for trespassing so much on your patience, by dwelling upon circumstances which may appear too trivial and minute ; but, besides that I know your friendship considers nothing as uninteresting which relates to me, I thought it necessary to omit no particular, lest it might appear as though I had selected such only as were favourable to my cause ; nor is there any thing which I desire more, than that the truth should be known ; as I am convinced, that the natural love of justice,
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which shews itself in every breast, that is not warped by private interest and passion, will prevail, and represent our persecution in its true colours and genuine deformity. The public will then view those from whom I am entitled, by the laws of nature, to the greatest indulgence and protection, persecuting me with all the rigour due to the most heinous crimes, and still more unjustly pursuing, with an implacable spirit of resentment, a person innocent of every fault, but that of having complied with my request and inclination, if that indeed can be interpreted into guilt. They will, I say, with indignation, see every possible means invented to distress, and urge us to despair; the liberty of our persons restrained, our property robbed, our lives endangered, and the sacred honour of my sex insulted, by those to whose care I was committed (with grief and horror I speak it) by my F---. Even those, if there be any of a temper so unfeeling, who can, unmoved and undisturbed, reflect upon this our variety of distress, their own security will yet be alarmed, to see in our persons the laws of the land trampled upon; the authority of M---y influenced, and perverted, to serve the private and unnatural revenge of individuals. Can any one be so ignorant as not to know, that foreigners are, in all civilized countries, protected by the laws and police of the state wherein they reside? Can any be ignorant, that they are so peculiarly protected by the laws of
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I cannot conclude, without acknowledging the obligations I am under to the Gentleman who first undertook to plead our cause, and also to those two who have lately engaged in our defence. I am the more particularly obliged to those Gentlemen, that several others declined to engage in a cause against my F---, on account of his being of the same profession.— And thus it is, with pleasure, that I find my F---'s prediction falsified, namely, that no Barrister would appear in our behalf.

It is from the confidence I have in the justice of our cause, that I wait with great impatience for the issue, when I doubt not we shall be again restored to our rights, and have ample satisfaction, for our injuries, adjudged to us by the upright Guardians of our sacred Laws.

I am, &c. &c.

D. TENDUCCI.

From the Place of our Retreat,
August the 26th, 1767.

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P O S T S C R I P T.

SINCE the above Letter was finished, the scene (happily for us) has been changed, and we released from the misery in which we had been so long involved. My F---, inspired at length by justice to commiserate the distresses he had unjustly (from a mistaken notion of resentment) plunged us into, thought proper to withdraw all the charges which had been brought against Tenducci on my account; and, in consequence thereof, general releases and discharges were signed on both sides at the beginning of the last term; and, to prevent any vexatious suit in future, we have been since Married (or rather RE-married) in the parish church of ~~London~~ by virtue of a Licence obtained for that purpose. So that we are once more restored to the free enjoyment of our liberty, of which, by means of the various prosecutions formed against us, we were long deprived; and I am confident my dear friend will partake with Me, in the pleasure I feel at this agreeable change.

Clogheen, Sept. 21, 1767.

Dublin, Dec. 10, 1767.

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